PERSONAL MENTION

Among the parties arranged to attend the buffet supper and dance at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club on Saturday evening are Dr. and Mrs. H. D. Middleton who will be with Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Mercer, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Menzies, Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. D. Telford, Mr. and Mrs. R. Langdon, Mr. and Mrs. A. Luney, Mr. and Mrs. T. McFelley, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Jeffries.

Another party will be Mr. and Mrs. Roy Murdock, Cmdr. and Mrs. J. Korning and Mr. and Mrs. N. Gibson, while Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arsens, Mr. and Mrs. J. Nelson and Mr. and Mrs. E. Liersch will attend together.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. A. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. K. Boorman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Boorman, and Mr. and Mrs. R. Rowbotham will make up a party as will Mr. and Mrs. H. Orr, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rae, Mr. and Mrs. C. Prutton, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Cave.

Also making up a party will be Mr. and Mrs. K. MacLaren, Mr. and Mrs. A. Wright, Mr. E. P. Nash, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. B. Shepard, and Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Smith. Another group will be Mr. and Mrs. Peter Young, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hummell, Mr. and Mrs. D. MacDonald and Dr. D. Dowman and a foursome will be Mr. and Mrs. J. Murray and Mr. and Mrs. W. Heybroek.

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Visitor from New York

Mr. Stewart R. James of New York City and New Hampshire is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William C. James, Tudor Avenue, Ten Mile Point. The Canadian-born visitor, in Victoria for the first time, is an interior designer and architect.

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Film of Royal Visit

Cmdr. A. C. Wurtele with Mrs. Wurtele was host at a special film showing of HRH Princess Margaret's visit to British Columbia and of the laying of the trans-Atlantic telephone cable for members of the Naval Officers' Association in the wardroom at HMCS Naden recently. Among the guests were Rear-Admiral and Mrs. H. S. Rayner, and Cmdr. and Mrs. G. S. Windeyer of Duncan.

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Return to Ottawa

Mr. A. deB. McPhillips, MP, and Mrs. McPhillips left Victoria on Thursday to return to Ottawa. The McPhillips spent the holiday recess in Victoria.

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Return to Nova Scotia

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Marangoni who have spent the past two years in Ucluelet, V.I., visiting their three daughters, Mrs. R. McLean, Mrs. Murray Payne and Mrs. Lloyd Nelson, have left to return to their home in Glace Bay, N.S. Before they left Mrs. Payne entertained at a farewell party for her parents.

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Bridal Showers

Miss Joyce Valentine, bride-elect, was honored at a recent shower at the Gorge Road home of Mrs. J. H. Sneddon. Hostesses were members of the WA No. 65 to the Victoria Typographical Union No. 201. Carnation corsages were presented to the bride-elect and to her mother, Mrs. L. Valentine. Gifts of linen were presented to the bride-elect. Among the guests were Mrs. L. Valentine, Mrs. V. Schebek, Mrs. F. J. Houghton, Mrs. M. Catton, Mrs. J. Jameson, Mrs. R. Fawcus, Mrs. L. Fawcus, Mrs. F. Barker, Mrs. F. T. Rayner, Mrs. G. Birch, Mrs. D. Davidson, Mrs. J. H. Sneddon and Miss Jean Valentine.

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April bride-elect Miss Bonnie Hook was guest of honor at a shower given for her by Miss Myrna Copley, 1272 Topaz Avenue. A corsage of pink roses was given to the bride-elect and mauve chrysanthemums to her mother, Mrs. W. T. Hook and to the groom-elect's mother, Mrs. R. B. Curran, Sr. Among the guests were Mrs. M. Curran, Mrs. B. Curran, Mrs. L. Copley, Mrs. J. Fairman, Mrs. E. Smillie, Mrs. D. Mesher, Mrs. B. West, Mrs. M. Exton, Mrs. M Russell, Mrs. G. Binks, Mrs. M. Hook, Mrs. G. Mesher, Mrs. S. Kohse, and the Misses Wendy Hook, Edith Perrin and Lorraine Code.

Wearing a mink stole over a white gown Michiko Shoda leaves her home for the Imperial Palace. In the background is her brother Osamu, right, and the tutor who has, for the past week or more, been instructing her in the intricacies of royal protocol.—(AP Photofax.)

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Japan's Crown Prince Weds Rich Commoner

TOKYO (UPI) — Michiko Shoda, a commoner, was married yesterday to Crown Prince Akihito in a ceremony which made her the future Empress of Japan.

Dressed in a 12-layer, 44-pound wedding gown borrowed from her imperial mother-in-law, the little Michiko, 24, married Akihito, 25, in the sacred inner sanctum of the palace.

Under ancient Shinto ritual they became husband and wife at the precise moment she sipped the rice wine. From that point until she ascends the throne with her husband she will be known as "Her Imperial Highness, Crown Princess Michiko."

RIGID TRADITION

The secret ceremonies broke 2,619 years of rigid tradition by bringing a commoner to the threshold of the Japanese throne for the first time since the legendary Jimmu became emperor in 660 B.C.

The love match began on a resort tennis court two summers ago where Akihito met and wooed the pretty daughter of a wealthy commoner.

The wedding rites were secret. The more than 1,000 guests sat in an outer enclosure from which they could see the marriage procession enter the tiny 20-by-36-foot sanctuary.

Guests included other members of the royal family, the Shoda family, the Japanese cabinet, members of the diet, and some foreigners. A throng estimated at 1,000,000 filled Tokyo streets. A force of 12,500 was out early to handle the crowds.

The ceremony was carefully timed to begin at 10 a.m. with chief Shinto ritualist Osanaga Kanroji leading the nine-member wedding group

DARK ORANGE

The white-robed priest was followed by the crown prince, dressed in a dark orange ceremonial robe (his personal color) and a black lacquered headdress. In his hands he carried a scepter.

Akihito was followed by a chamberlain holding the train of his robe. Another chamberlain carried a 700-year-old sword symbolizing Akihito's position as Crown Prince. The grand chamberlain to the prince came next followed by another priest—and then Michiko.

Michiko was dressed in the 12-layered silken junihitoe in which Empress Nagako was married to Emperor Hirohito 35 years ago. The outer garments were purple and maroon with white chrysanthemums, white clouds and storks woven into them.

CYPRUS WOOD FAN

She wore the traditional Suberakashi hairdress with golden combs and carried in her hands a cyprus wood fan with 39 leaves.

Akihito entered the inner sanctum through white silk drapes held apart by two attendants. He knelt on a low three-foot square straw mat platform. Then came the priest and next Michiko, who knelt on a platform to Akihito's left.

The priest gave each a branch from the sacred Sakai tree. While Michiko bowed to the floor, the prince bowed four times toward the innermost sanctum which was hidden by a bamboo curtain which was never raised.

The branches were returned to the priest. Akihito then made his report to his ancestors, reading ancient characters from a scroll he removed from his robe.

The exact words were not known but what he said in effect was: "We have come to report our marriage and to state that we will share our troubles and joys and that our sentiment toward each other will remain unchanged for eternity."

Clubs and Societies

Coffee Party Set For Thorpe Place

The Thorpe Place, home of municipal IODE regent Mrs. Owen Fowler, will be the scene of a coffee party Saturday, sponsored by the Robert Burns McMicking Chapter.

More than $90 was made at the recent municipal annual dinner, it was reported.

Donations of $5 and $10 were made to the National Shipping Fund and for books to be sent to the Port Washington School. Honoring the chapter's special project, the CNIB, the members will hold a tea for the blind on May 2, as a farewell to Miss Dorothy Stark and to welcome Miss Gloria Mortimore as CNIB representative in Victoria. Delegate to the forthcoming provincial annual meeting here will be Mrs. Austin Flinton.

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Parish Guild

Regular monthly meeting of Christ Church Cathedral Womens Parish Guild will be held today at 2 p.m. instead of 3 p.m. following which donations for the Garden Party July 4 will be accepted. Tea will be served from 3 p.m.

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St. Mary's

St. Mary's Evening WA are busy planning activities for the coming months, it was announced recently. There will be a home-cooking sale at the Shop-Easy store, Oak Bay Avenue on Friday, a rummage sale in the church hall at 7.30 p.m. on May 6. On May 9, the Girls' Auxiliary will hold a tea in the parish hall. At the next meeting, April 21, of the auxiliary, Brig. Thierstein of the Salvation Army will discuss "Social Service."

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Council of Women

The Local Council of Women will hear Dr. I. M. Roberts speak on "Comparisons of Social Reform," at the Monday meeting at 2 p.m. in the Public Library. Also, Mrs. E. Mills will give her reports on the CAC's recent national conference.

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Camosun Chapter

A donation of $50 was made to the Royal Jubilee Hospital at the recent meeting of Camosun Chapter IODE.

Other donations included $5 to Silver Threads towards a hearing aid; a supply of milk to a needy mother for the Family Welfare; citizenship certificates $5, and $50 to S. J. Willis Jr. High School for a bursary for a grade nine student.

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St. Mary's

The Afternoon Branch of St. Mary's WA will hold a rummage sale in the parish hall, Yale Street, April 15 at 2 p.m.

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St. Saviour's

St. Saviour's Branch of the WA will meet on April 13 at the home of Mrs. D. M. Hughes, 1205 Juno Street at 2 p.m.

Parsons - Berryman

Daffodils Adorn Church

Pink carnations, iris and daffodils decorated St. Martin's-in-the-Fields Church for the wedding of Bernice Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Berryman, Donald Street; and Mr. Keith Samuel Parsons, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. J. Parsons, St. Catharines, Ont. Rev. Canon S. J. Wickens officiated.

The bride, whose father was ill in hospital, was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Harry Berryman. She wore an orchid brocade, fitted suit with high neckline and Peter Pan collar. Filmy pink tulle trimmed her pink straw picture hat and she carried a pink orchid on a white prayer book.

Miss Barbara Lyons, as maid-of-honor, chose a beige suit to which was pinned a pink carnation corsage. Her beige hat was flower-trimmed.

Mr. William Blamford supported the groom and Mr. Robert Huddleston, Jr., showed guests to the pews.

After the ceremony, a wedding supper was held at the Princess Mary Restaurant, where the bride's table was centred with a two-tiered cake topped with hearts and wedding bells.

A Trifle Confusing

BROCKLEHURST, England — When Dr. Gordon Jacob, 63, marries Margaret Gray, 21, it will make Miss Gray her own aunt, her father's sister-in-law and her brother's aunt. Miss Gray's mother's sister was Jacob's first wife.

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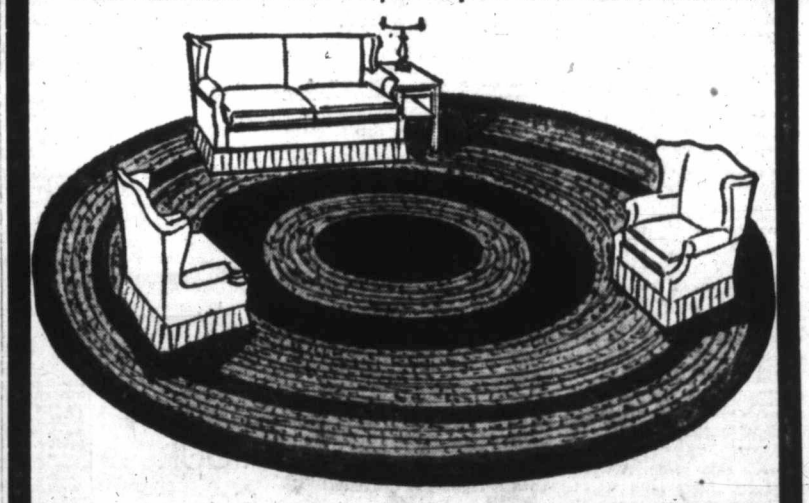

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